NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD (NCRR) TRACK BETWEEN REID (SOUTH OF SALISBURY) AND NORTH KANNAPOLIS

TIP P-3414P Rowan County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Citizens Informational Workshop for the above-mentioned railroad project on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. at the China Grove Community Building, located at 412 S. Myrtle Street, China Grove, 28023.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments and/or questions will also be provided and are encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. <u>Please note</u>: there will be no formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to construct an additional railroad track adjacent to the existing railroad track along the North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) between Reid (south of Salisbury) and North Kannapolis. The proposed improvements begin approximately ½ mile north of Peach Orchard Road (SR 2359) and extend to just south of East 22ND Street (SR 1254) in Kannapolis. The additional track is to improve train travel and minimize congestion on the existing rail line between Greensboro and Charlotte. Minor railroad alignment changes and safety improvements are also being considered.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Marc Hamel, Environmental & Planning Branch, Rail Division at (919) 733-7245 x 270 or email: mhamel@ncdot.gov or Paul Koch, Stantec Consultants, phone: (919) 815-6866 or email: Paul.Koch@stantec.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Hamel as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.